



2016 **SYNCHRO**  
**AMERICA OPEN**  
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## Pre-meet Announcement

### 2016 Synchro America Open

The U.S. Open Championship hosted by USA Synchro

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- Dates & Location** July 14-16, 2016 in Riverside, California, USA
- Venue** Riverside Aquatic Complex at the Riverside City College  
4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, California 92506
- Host** USA Synchronized Swimming
- Airports** Ontario (ONT) Airport (20 miles from pool)  
Orange County (SNA) Airport (44 miles from pool)  
Los Angeles (LAX) Airport (70 miles from pool)
- Meet Manager** **Sheila McNabb**  
USA Synchro, Vice President of Competitive Operations  
[smmcnabb@aol.com](mailto:smmcnabb@aol.com)
- FINA Evaluator** **Maria Jose Bilbao** (Spain)
- Judges** FINA and UANA Judges A, B and G and U.S. National Judges
- Scoring System** Colorado Time Systems
- Pool dimensions** **Competition pool:**  
30 meters (length) x 25 yards (width) x 12' to 8' (depth)  
**Main warm up pool:**  
30 meters (length) x 25 yards (width) x 8' (depth)  
**Other warm up pools (2):**  
25 yards (length) x 15 yards (width) 3' to 12' (depth)
- Events** **Junior and Senior events**  
Junior Figures, Junior Free Solo, Junior Free Duet, Junior Free Team  
Senior Technical Solo, Senior Technical Duet, Senior Technical Team  
Senior Free Solo, Senior Free Duet, Senior Free Team  
Senior Mixed Technical Duet, Senior Mixed Free Duet  
Combined Junior/Senior Free Combination

The schedule is currently planned for FINALS ONLY. However, if there are more than 12 entries in any event, a preliminary event may be held and added to the schedule during mid-day. Only the top-12 in each event will progress to the final event.



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#### Officials

Each Federation or Foreign club entering the Junior Open and/or the Senior Open Championships may submit up to 2 judges per competition from the current FINA and/or UANA List(s) of Synchronized Swimming Officials. Foreign FINA and UANA judges from Federations not entered in the Synchro America Open may participate as practice judges only. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and UANA judges must have passed the most recent FINA judges test.

#### Rules to Govern

1. Junior Open competitors shall be 15 – 18 years of age.
2. Senior Open competitors shall be 15 or older.
3. An individual competitor may only enter three different routine events in the combined Junior and Senior Open Championship. Therefore, Junior athletes may not swim in the same event in both Junior and Senior categories of competition. An individual competitor may, in addition, be entered in only one Free Combination routine.
4. Free Combination: There shall be one Free Combination event in the combined U.S. Junior/ Senior Open Championship. Juniors and Seniors may be combined to compete in the Free Combination event. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Free Combination event only. Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors. A U.S. Club, Foreign Club or National Team may enter more than one routine in the Free Combination event.
5. Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries, including their National Teams, in each category: Junior, Senior and Free Combination.
6. The top-12 in each event will move to finals. If applicable, the 13th place routine in each event will serve as the pre-swimmer for the final event.
7. All team routines will have a .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a team.
8. The FINA draw will be used for all events.
9. The total number of competitors per Foreign Federation, Foreign Club or National Team may not exceed 12 without requesting permission.

#### Federation Letter of Approval

We kindly request that all Foreign Federations and all Foreign Clubs provide written approval to USA Synchro from their own federations. This approval must be submitted to USA Synchro before visa assistance can be provided and before the final entry deadline.

#### Additional Junior Open Information

1. In the Junior Open, each Foreign Club or National Team may enter three Solos, three Duets and/or one Team. Note that only one solo or duet from each Foreign Club or National Team shall advance to finals.
2. In the Junior Open, U.S. Clubs may have registered competitors from 2 or more U.S. clubs in the Free Combination event.

#### Additional Senior Open Information

1. In the Senior Open, each Foreign Club or National Team may enter two solos, two duets and/ or one team.
2. Awards for Senior routines will be based on the combined score of the technical and free routine. Competitors may opt out of the technical routine or free routine if they so choose. Only Senior competitors who swim the technical and free routine are eligible for awards in a given event.
3. In the Senior Open, U.S. Clubs may have registered competitors from 2 or more U.S. clubs in the Team and Free Combination events.





# Competition Tentative Schedule

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(Based on running Final-Only events, may change based on number of entries)

<b>Wednesday July 13, 2016</b>	<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b> Training in competition pool
<b>Thursday July 14, 2016</b>	<b>COMPETITION DAY</b>
9am - 1pm	Junior Figures
2pm - 6pm	Practice with music
6.30pm - 9.30pm	Entertainment Senior Technical Duet Junior Free Duet Senior Technical Team
<b>Friday July 15, 2016</b>	<b>COMPETITION DAY</b>
8.30am -10.30am	Practice
10.30am -12pm	Junior Free Solo Senior Technical Solo
1pm – 6pm	Practice with music
6.30pm - 9pm	Senior Mixed Technical Duet Senior Free Duet Junior/Senior Free Combination Entertainment
<b>Saturday July 16, 2016</b>	<b>COMPETITION DAY</b>
8 am - 11 am	Practice
11am - 12pm	Senior Free Solo
1pm - 6pm	Practice with music
6.30pm - 9pm	Entertainment Senior Mixed Free Duet Junior Free Team Senior Free Team
<b>Sunday July 17, 2016</b>	Departure



## Foreign Competitors

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## Housing, Hospitality & Transportation

### Meet Package Will Include

- Pick up from LAX airport upon arrival
- Drop off at LAX airport upon departure
- Hotel accommodations at one of the host hotels
- Transportation between hotel and pool
- All meals (Breakfast will be at the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be at the pool or at a building near the pool on the Riverside City College campus.)
- Meals and transportation are only available with the meet package.
- Transportation for foreign competitors will only be provided from the following two hotels.

### Host Hotels

**Hyatt Place Riverside Downtown:** 3500 Market St., Riverside, CA  
**Mission Inn Riverside:** 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA

### Meet Package Rates for Foreign Competitors

**Hotel rooms will have two double beds.**

*These rates are approximate prices and may change slightly.*

- Single Room - \$265 per person, per night
- Double Room - \$175 per person, per night
- Triple Room - \$150 per person, per night
- Quad Room - \$130 per person, per night

### Additional Meet Fees for Foreign Competitors

\$25 per athlete Sponsor Fee

***Payment instructions will be included in the final meet announcement.***

### Headed to the Olympic Games or Other Championships?

USA Synchro is able to offer training opportunities in the USA prior to or after the 2016 Synchro America Open. Three locations are available:

1. Riverside, California – 4 Aquatic Centers including Riverside Aquatic Complex (65m pool).
2. Palm Beach, Florida – 3 Aquatic Centers including Florida Atlantic University (50m, 25m +diving pools).
3. Stuart, Florida - Sailfish Splash Waterpark and Aquatics Center (50m and diving pool).

Other possible training locations available in California and Texas.



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**Hotels** Hotels for U.S. clubs are to be booked through our hotel partner Team Travel Source (TTS).

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book hotels through TTS or call TTS at 1-866-567-7075.

**Transportation** All U.S. clubs will be responsible for their own transport from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the pool.

### Transportation Options in Riverside

Yellow Cab of Riverside: 800-349-8294  
AA Inland Empire Taxicab & Sedan Service: 800-800-7821  
Super Shuttle: 909-944-2606

All major rental car companies are available at LAX, Ontario and Orange County Airports.

### Meet Entry Fees for U.S. Competitors

\$30 per competitor per routine, including reserves  
\$25 per athlete Sponsor Fee  
\$5 per athlete Surcharge for Takeitlive.tv  
U.S. competitors may register online at [usasynchro.org](http://usasynchro.org)

Information on credentials will be available in the final meet announcement.



### Live Streaming

While it's not always possible to make it to an event in person, the good news is that Takeitlive.tv will be providing LIVE coverage for anyone wanting to watch and be a part of the event. Visit [usasynchro.org](http://usasynchro.org) during the competition for a link to live web coverage of the event.



## Additional Information

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## Preliminary Entry Form For All Competitors

- All Foreign Federations, Foreign Clubs and U.S. clubs must complete the **Preliminary Entry form no later than May 20, 2016.**
- Foreign Federations and Clubs please send preliminary entry forms to Betty Hazle via email at [bettyhazle@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyhazle@yahoo.com).
- U.S. Clubs please send preliminary entry forms to Janice Sherman in the USA Synchro National Office via email at [janice@usasynchro.org](mailto:janice@usasynchro.org)

## Contacts

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